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1. IN THE COURSE OF A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED CALL ON
FINANCE MINISTER FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIKE ON JULY 26, I
RAISED KOREA AND PUERTO RICO, DRAWING ON REFTELS,
A AND B. ALTHOUGH IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL A, I DID NOT
LEAVE AN AIDE MEMOIRE, I ORALLY RAN DOWN THE POINTS
IT CONTAINS ON BOTH SUBJECTS. I ALSO LEFT HIM A COPY
OF THE SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SEATTLE SPEECH, CALLING HIS
ATTENTION SPECIFICALLY TO THE PORTION ON KOREA.

2. BANDARANAIKE, WHO WILL ACT AS SRI LANKA'S DE FACTO
FOREIGN MINISTER DURING THE CONFERENCE, LISTENED WITH

ATTENTION AND INTEREST, AND PROMISED TO READ THE
SECRETARY'S SPEECH CAREFULLY. HE WAS, OF COURSE, FAMILIAR
WITH OUR GENERAL POSITION ON BOTH SUBJECTS.

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3. HE COMMENTED THAT SRI LANKA IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE

PRESSURE FROM VARIOUS SOURCES (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE USSR AND CHINA) TO SHAPE PROPOSALS TO THE SATISFACTION OF OTHERS, BUT SAID, "WE DO NOT INTEND TO YIELD TO THESE TACTICS. WE WILL LISTEN TO EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THE USSR, AND WILL TAKE OUR POSITION INDEPENDENTLY OF OUTSIDE INFLUENCES, AFTER WE HAVE ASSESSED ALL THE FACTORS."

4. COMMENT: I HAVE NOW DISCUSSED KOREA AND PUERTO RICO SUCCESSIVELY WITH THE TOP THREE MEN IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND WITH FELIX BANDARANAIKE DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS. I TOUCHED ON THEM AS WELL IN MY PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. I BELIEVE AS A RESULT OF THESE SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS THAT OUR STRONG FEELINGS ON BOTH ISSUES ARE WELL UNDERSTOOD AT THE VARIOUS KEY LEVELS IN THE SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT.
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